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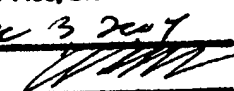
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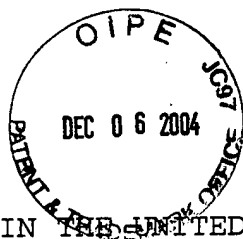


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Kenneth E. Kadziauskas, et al.) Examiner  
Serial No.: Unknown ) Unknown  
Filed: Herewith ) Group Art  
For: PRESSURIZED FLOW OF FLUID INTO) Unknown  
AN EYE USING PUMP AND PRESSURE)  
MEASUREMENT SYSTEM )

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Arlington, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Please amend the hereinabove reference and accompanying patent application as follows before calculation of filing fees and examination.

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IN THE TITLE

Please replace the title with the following title:

METHOD FOR CONTROLLING FLUID FLOW TO AND FROM AN EYE  
DURING OPHTHALMIC SURGERY

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, line 3, please insert as a paragraph:

The present application is a division of U.S. Serial No. 10/414,950 filed April 15, 2003, now pending, which is a division of U.S. Serial No. 09/918,749 filed July 31, 2001, now U.S. 6,579,255.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims in the present application as follows:

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Original) A method for controlling fluid flow to and from an eye during ophthalmic surgery, said method composing the steps of:
  - introducing irrigation fluid into an eye;
  - determining initial irrigation fluid pressure;
  - adjusting aspiration fluid flow based on the determined initial irrigation fluid pressure;
  - continuously determining irrigation fluid pressure after the initial determination; and
  - continuously adjusting aspiration fluid flow based on the continuous determination of irrigation fluid pressure.
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Cancelled)
5. (Currently Amended) The method according to ~~any one of claims 1, claim 2 or 3~~ where the step of initially determining irrigation fluid pressure and continuously measuring irrigation fluid pressure includes determining in-line irrigation pressure.
6. (Original) The method according to claim 2 wherein the step of adjusting aspiration fluid flow includes setting a maximum aspiration vacuum pressure as a function of determined irrigation fluid pressure.

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7. (Original) The method according to claim 6 wherein the function is linear.

Claims 8-22 cancelled

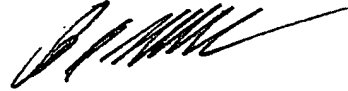
23. (New) The method according to claim 2 further comprising the step of using a change in irrigation fluid pressure to provide an indication of wound leaking.

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SURGERY

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RE: NEW U.S. DIVISIONAL PATENT APPLICATION

Enclosures: Utility Patent Application Transmittal (Large Entity); Preliminary Amendment; Declaration and Power of Attorney; ~~15 pages (11)~~ Pages of specification, claims and abstract; two (2) sheets of formal drawings; Check no. 16667 for \$770; Postcard

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